

What is claimed is:

1. A method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant comprising the steps of:

Sub 1  
encapsulating one plant seed or a plurality of plant seeds in an aqueous gel capsule;

refrigerating the plant seeds under the condition that the plant seeds do not germinate; and

sowing the plant seeds.

2. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant according to claim 1, wherein the size of the plant seed is equal to or less than 1 mm.

3. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant according to claim 1, wherein the refrigeration is carried out in a dark place.

4. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant according to claim 2, wherein the refrigeration is carried out in a dark place.

Sub B1  
5. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant according to claim 3, wherein the plant seed is a seed of a light germinator.

6. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant according to claim 4, wherein the plant seed is a seed of a light germinator.

Sub 2  
7. The method of preventing defective germination or growth of a plant as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein the plant seed encapsulated in an aqueous gel capsule is a pelletized seed.